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CHELSEA THOMAS SENIOR REPORTER

Students, faculty and staff reported 53 instances of financial transaction card fraud to Public Safety as of Wednesday.

Detective Michael Baker suspects there are twice as many thefts on campus that remain unreported.

Victims noticed false transactions on their bank accounts, although they still had their own card in their possession.

Baker confirms that four suspects have been identified. Public Safety is working with the Milledgeville Police Department to dismantle the fraud ring that has been uncovered after investigation. The Milledgeville Police Department has at least 10 reported cases as well. At this point, the suspects have no tie to Georgia College students or employees.

The past week of investigation revealed that the perpetrators are using debit cards as credit cards at swipe cashiers. Only two reported incidents of illegal transactions have been made online.

Baker is encouraging all other Georgia College victims of debit card fraud to come forward.

'If there are victims that are students at Georgia College we would just like them to come and talk to us, because the more cases we can investigate the better the likelihood we will make a connection," Baker said.

Public Safety has been investigating similarities between all victims' recent transactions, going as far back as November. They hope that as more victims come forward their

current leads will become clearer. 'Right now we are trying to find

the common link of where all the accounts have been compromised, Baker said. "At this point it is still hard to pinpoint it.'

Most fraudulent charges have been made in Atlanta, with a few in Alabama and South Carolina. Separate video footage obtained from an Alabama Wal-Mart and a CVS Pharmacy in Atlanta present two different men using victim's card numbers. Police are still trying to connect all the loose ends of these facts.

Baker also pinpoints that it is suspicious that most of the purchases are cheaper items, such as cigarettes, gas, a cell phone and even clothes from Salvation Army. Only a few reported cases have been more than a total of \$500. Some bigger purchases are at restaurants, in one case a dinner at Red Lobster.

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## **Concert** ticket numbers limited

Bobbi Otis STAFF REPORTER

Admission to Thursday's Homecoming concert was free for those lucky enough to get a ticket.

All Georgia College students with a valid Bobcat card were admitted to the concert featuring B.o.B, Stokeswood and Playboy

Georgia College alumni were also guaranteed a spot in the Centennial Center for the show, and could sign up online to save their place.

Members of the community were not, however, that fortunate. A total of 200 tickets were set aside for their use and could be picked up in The Den. Tickets were free, but only two were allowed to be picked up per household.

Georgia College students could acquire one additional ticket in The Den. Six hundred of these tickets were available.

"The tickets are going a lot faster now that word has gotten out that they are free,' senior exercise science major Lindsay White said on Wednesday.

Georgia College disseminated the new pricing information in several places according to Director of Campus Life, Tom Miles.

University Communications placed information in the Union Recorder, our local newspaper and on our social media sites, regarding the availability of a limited number of tickets for community members," Miles

It was projected that there would not be any community tickets left to get at the door the day of the concert.

"The additional tickets are limited. If there is still some room at Centennial the day of the concert we are going to let additional people in, but that is a day of kind of decision," SGA President Zach Mullins said.

In the past, entrance to the Homecoming concert was free to all Georgia College students and community members could pay for tickets to enter. The Homecoming committee was also planning on selling tickets for \$20 up until the week of the concert. This year the contract, which is negotiated between Georgia College's agent and the performer's representative, contained a clause that made it questionable to charge for admittance.

We reviewed the contract a number of tracts can be interpreted differently by each entity. We and our agent felt that one clause was questionable, so we leaned on the side of caution and decided not to charge," Miles

Offering free tickets had no impact on the concert itself Miles said. Revenue generated in the past for the Homecoming concert was returned to the student activity fee account. The Student Activity Budget Committee then allocated the funds during the next bud-

"We are happy with the option of getting to offer everything for free," Mullins said.

LAYOUT BY REBECCA BURNS

## Wellness Center construction on schedule for Fall completion

Amanda Brodzik STAFF WRITER

Construction of Georgia College's new Wellness and Recreation Center is on schedule to be completed by Oct.

"It's hard to put a number on it, but I would say it is 35 to 40 percent complete," said Mark Bowen, project manager. According to Bowen, the \$28.2

million project is also on budget. "The weather hasn't helped, but we're still on schedule," Bowen said.

The first building stages of the structure have completed. The competition-size indoor pool has been dug out and the majority of the structural steel work has been finished.

"The next phase is the dry-in

phase," said Rick Ruark, associate director for planning, construction and business services.

The dry-in stage will include the installation of temporary heating for the workers and wood floors for the basketball courts. The crew will also begin sealing off the building by mounting glass walls. "Getting the envelope on the build-

ing is the next big stage," Bowen said.

Although the project is on schedule, the crew has encountered a few foreseeable issues such as unsuitable soil and the discovery of rock while excavating.

"All of these issues were expected," Bowen said. "They didn't delay anything."

An unexpected issue has been the

road conditions surrounding the entrance to the Village's 1, 2 and 3 build-

There have been some issues with pot holes on West Campus Drive," Bowen said. "The base layers of asphalt have been applied and we will apply a finish coat when construction is over.'

Pot holes aside, many students are anticipating the completion of the Wellness Center.

"I am excited for it," said Hannah Smith, junior math major and The Village resident. "It's coming together pretty fast. Ruark hopes that all students feel

this way. "I think the student will be pleased

with the final project," Ruark said. "It's very impressive."



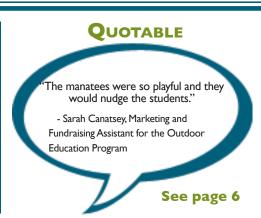
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The Wellness Center, which is slated to be completed on Oct. 21, is currently 35 to 40 percent complete. The first stages of the \$28.2 million project have been finished including digging out the pool and the majority of the structural steel work has been laid.

#### **News Flash**

#### **New members needed**

The Georgia Education Mentorship and Leadership Certificate Program are seeking students who want to enhance their leadership skills. GEM teaches juniors and seniors to comprehend the roles of executives in education, business, nonprofit, healthcare and law. LCP gives sophomores and juniors the chance to earn credit hours while learning the principles and practices of effective leadership. The early application deadline is due Feb. 18 and the final deadline is March 18.



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**NUMBER CRUNCH** 

The number of reported cases of financial transaction card fraud at Georgia College since Feb. 5.

Source: Public Safety

## Who's who at Georgia College?

A peek into the lives of people on campus we should know, but rarely do

#### **Beth Broyles of the Instructional Reference staff:**



Beth Broyles has wanted to be a librarian since she was a

"When I was 11 I did my career report on being a librarian in sixth grade," Broyles said.

This job was her calling and she has been doing it for 20

Broyles's holds two impor-

tant titles which are Instruction & Reference Librarian and Assistant Professor of Educational Technology.

She is currently one of four Instructional Reference workers and assists students in the library. Broyles is more than happy to answer all the questions students have for her.

#### **How to contact Instructional Reference workers:**

- Call (478) 445-0979
- Email reference@gcsu.edu
- Chat online via the Ask-A-Libraian messaging system
- Text "Send GCSUreference" followed by your reference question to 246246

Information compiled by: Victoria Garofalo

## Search ends in hiring new associate provost

SENIOR REPORTER

Along with the new semester, January brought with it Tom Ormond, the new Associate Provost of Georgia College. Ormond began working with Provost Sandra Jordan on Jan. 3.

Ormond's responsibilities require that he works closely with Jordan.

"My lead comes off her, that's part of the deal. I need to be on the same page as her for it to work," Ormond said.

According to Jordan, Ormond's main duties also include "providing leadership and supervision for graduate studies, providing coordination and strategic direction for institutional processes. effectiveness serving as the academic of-

ficer for academic grievances, including appeals of charges of academic dishonesty and refers cases to faculty committee on academic appeals, working with deans and directors on faculty and administrative searches, providing support and guidance to Academic Affairs directors and chairs and assisting with preparation and tracking of Academic Affairs budgets."

Ormond

"I'll be helping oversight of graduate programs," Ormond said. "Within that oversight is

assisting faculty in operation as well as looking for ways to refine or expand those offerings.'

The search for an associate provost was held starting Dec. 2009 until May 14, 2010, when Ormond was offered the position according to Jor-

"The finalist, Dr. Ormond, was selected and offered the position on May 14, 2010. Dr. Ormond accepted the position, but needed to conclude the work he was doing at his former institution, so his start date was Jan. 3, 2011," Jordan said.

The process of looking for a new associate provost began with a search and screening process chaired by Mark Pelton, the associate vice president for Extended University.

"The job description was announced by the

provost and then we advertised the opening in a huge number of national publications in order to attract the best candidate and to create diversity in the people applying," Pelton said of the A search committee composed of members

of different faculty groups and members of the schools of the university including Kendra Russell in the College of Health Sciences and Jason Huffman in the College of Arts & Sciences The committee took applications and ques-

tions answered by the candidates. 'We then had phone interviews with referenc-

es and a certain number of highly-qualified candidates came on campus and met with students,

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## WRGC to begin broadcasts by end of this semester

SUBMITTED BY NICOLE FIELD

A new National Public Radio style radio station will air this March from Georgia College's West Campus. The radio will serve a large section of Middle Georgia. "When you think WRGC, think

Radio Georgia College," said Harry Battson, associate vice president for strategic communications at Georgia College. The new station, WRGC 88.3 FM

will reach more than 60,000 citizens in the counties surrounding Baldwin, not including Georgia College stu-

"Georgia College received a grant to purchase equipment for the station which requires the station to be on the air and broadcasting by March 31, Battson said.

In order to receive this grant, surveying had to be done to measure the reach of existing radio stations.

"This was a perfect niche for public radio. The area was not being served," said Bill Wendt, manager of television services at Georgia College.

In contrast to the student radio station, WGUR 88.9 FM, which is confined closer to campus, WRGC will cover over 1,500 square miles reaching Eatonton and almost to Macon.

'Some of this area can receive public radio from WMUM in Macon," Battson said, "but the majority of people have difficulty receiving reception. We are filling a void in people's ability to receive public radio.

The official airdate is currently uncertain. The university may seek a 90 day extension if any technical difficulties arise prior to the March 31 deadline. Currently, the university is conducting a search for an operations manager for the station.

Although located on West Campus, WRGC will not be student-run like WGUR. The operations manager will produce and manage the radio station and arrange for hosts for any locally produced radio programming. These hosts will be interns, volunteers or others associated with the university.

WGUR will not have any changes. The changes are in the University Communications Department. They have obtained a license from the FCC for a 5,000 watt radio station, WRGC," said Angela Criscoe, faculty advisor of WGUR.

WRGC will be a professionally run public radio station and an affiliate of the Georgia Public Broadcasting network. Even though this new station does not provide immediate experience for the students of Georgia College, it may be beneficial to students looking for future endeavors in a radio internship.

"This will provide an opportunity for students to get involved with a professional station if they're interested in radio communications," Battson

Even though WRGC will not be as easily accessible to students, it will provide Georgia College with exposure. The radio station studio will be located on West Campus in the building next to the pool. This space, which is 1,000 square feet, has been remodeled in preparation to house WRGC's

"We think it will be providing a great community service and at the same time give Georgia College an opportunity to promote some of the



The new WRGC studio at West Campus. The station is funded by a grant given to Georgia College and will have a 1,500 square mile radius reaching to Eatonton and almost

special things that are happening here," Battson said.

The station will also give the col-

lege a chance to rebroadcast concerts or important lectures that have been delivered on campus. In addition to helping Georgia College, this is an aid to the surrounding communities that do not have access to news broadcast radio stations.

## Minimum GPA requirement for SGA executives possible

KEVIN HALL STAFF WRITER

A strict minimum GPA for members of SGA's executive board could be instituted as early as next Fall.

Already passing through the SGA Senate with the needed two thirds vote twice, the proposition to establish a minimum GPA for all SGA executive members will be a referendum added to the ballot that includes Mr. and Ms. Georgia College. This vote has the most student participation than any of the others with around 61 percent of the student body voting in the most recent one according to SGA president Zach Mullins.

"Compared to other school in the state, we have some of the highest voter turnouts for elections," Mullins

The proposed GPA on the referendum will be set at 2.75.

'Right now the minimum GPA is 2.3, but that isn't technically spelled out in the university constitution for the president and other executives, Mullins said. "It's just kind of under-

This proposed GPA does not include a grandfather clause for current SGA members. If they do not have the minimum required GPA the officer will not be able to hold their current office.

"There is also no provision for students with learning disabilities," Mullins said. "It is going to be a very strict minimum with very little room for any exceptions to the rule.

This proposed minimum GPA will be higher than those for most RSA executives, which is currently a 2.33.

Mullins doesn't necessarily think GPA is an accurate reflection on how well someone can perform at one of these jobs.

"I don't think there is a correlation between that and leadership ability, Mullins said.

Other students feel the same way as Mullins.

"I have a lot of friends who are incredibly smart, but I would never trust them in a position like that,' said junior marketing major Kimmie Wingo. "Leadership has much more to do with being able to relate with people and being able to make tough

decisions. Some students believe that leadership ability or not, SGA members should set an example for the rest of the student body.

The SGA president and other executives should be a hardworking student because they should be a role model for every other student on campus," said senior digital art major Autumn Day

Other students think that GPA shouldn't be the only thing considered in this vote.

"They represent the college and should be able to maintain a good GPA as well as participating in some extracurricular activities," said senior middle grades education major Lindsey Bryant.

Mullins hopes many students come out to vote for new SGA members along this new addition to the university constitution.

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## University now offers blended course option

Danielle Paluga Senior Reporter

With class sizes at Georgia College expanding, some core classes are looking to online options.

These courses, known as blended classes, have both an online and lecture component.

Departments with larger core classes are currently looking into different options such as blended classes to help meet students' needs.

Professor of Political Science Claire Sanders teaches

a blended politics course on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The class has 160 students and is held in the A&S Auditorium.

Sanders is the course redesign coordinator for her department and is conducting a study to see how blended classes compare with traditional lecture classes by teaching both traditional and blended classes this semester and last Fall.

Senior political science major Alex Smith is a teacher's assistant for this course.

"We really only meet once most weeks because the students have online modules to complete," Smith said.

The modules include various readings, quizzes and discussion questions on Georgia-

Sanders designed the online components and they contain extra readings that go along with the textbook the class uses. The online materials are used to help students understand key concepts before they get to the lecture so the class can go deeper into what they are learning according to Sanders.

Sophomore pre-nursing ma-

jor Suzy McEver said the class was a preferred alternative to her traditional courses.

"I got an A in the class," McEver said. "It was easy to understand."

Smith explains that he and his fellow teaching assistant have plenty of office hours to help students who prefer "face to face" time better and request tutoring. Sanders said she also has office hours for students who need help.

"(For more assistance), we decided to hold a study session in the library one Sunday before

a test," Smith said.

More colleges are beginning to offer this option to students. According to the College Board website, one percent of classes at the University of Georgia are blended.

In 2007, Georgia Southern University conducted a survey comparing the grades of those students who took blended classes with those who took traditional classes. The results showed students in blended classes got higher grades than those in traditional classes.

Sanders' expects her re-

search to be completed by the end of this semester. The Department of Government and Sociology plans to use her findings in combination with research from other universities to determine whether the department will continue offering these courses.

"We want to make sure that the classes are improving student learning and that the students are satisfied," Sanders

Editors Note: Alex Smith is a columnist for The Colonnade

## Fraud Continued from page 1...

Senior nursing major Lauren Windham noticed she had \$160 charged to her debit card in Atlanta at the beginning of February. After reporting this to Public Safety and her bank, Windham is now waiting for her new card to arrive in the

paying for anything.
"I have to go through a long process with the bank to get reimbursement for the money

mail. Until then she has no

means of withdrawing cash or

that was stolen," Windham said. "So this makes it very inconvenient for me to do the things that I enjoy around Milledgeville."

Junior exercise science major Julia Borland was alerted to fraudulent charges on Feb. 7 when her Dad called to tell her that her checking balance was reported low. She thought this was odd because she had just transferred money a few days before.

"We went to my online banking and there were three charges which I hadn't made a total of \$222.19 spent between an IHOP, Red Lobster, and a Kroger Fuel Center—all in the Atlanta area," Borland said. "I called Bank of America and they were very helpful to tell me how to go about making a claim for fraud and refunding my money."

Borland said she knows of about 20 other people who also had this happen to them between Feb. 4 and Feb. 8. She admittedly worries much more now about using her card in public than before the incident.

"I've never been a victim of fraud before this instance, and because of it, I will be using my card more sparingly around the city of Milledgeville," Borland said.



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A MUSICAL

by Walton Jones

Bobcat statue encourages school spirit

From left: Milledgeville business owners Joann and Frank Chambers, SGA President Zach Mullins, Georgia College President Dorothy Leland, Department of Art chair Bill Fisher and statue designer Cara Powel unveil the SGA sponsored Bobcat statue on Monday, Feb. 14. The statue sits on the corner of Hancock and Liberty streets. Nine thousand crystal mosaic tiles in three different shades of green were attached to the statue to give it its' distinctive look. The other five statues will be released as they are completed.

The Georgia College & State University Department of Theatre presents

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faculty and staff who had the opportunity to meet the candidates. The decision was ultimately Dr. Jordan's choice, though, we were more of a screening committee," Pelton said. "I think Dr. Ormond will do well here, we are pleased to have him.

Ormond, a native of New Zealand, came to America in 1984 to pursue graduate school. Ormond received his doctorate from The Ohio State University in teacher education in physical education with minors in applied behavior analysis and outdoor adventure education and has served as a member of the faculty at Itaca College, Sonomoa State Col-

lege, and Lock Haven University of Pennsylvania before joining the Georgia College community.

Ormond claims that the liberal arts mission at Georgia College made the prospect of coming here appealing and that the civic engagement and leadership aspects of the university were attractive.

"I've found that its at a unique level what we try to do here—the mission here is a drive to connect things," Ormond said.

Ormond has found a new home in the unique environment of Georgia College in the university system.

"I like being a part of an organization that has a liberal arts mentality; I want to use it as much as they are going to use me," Ormond said.

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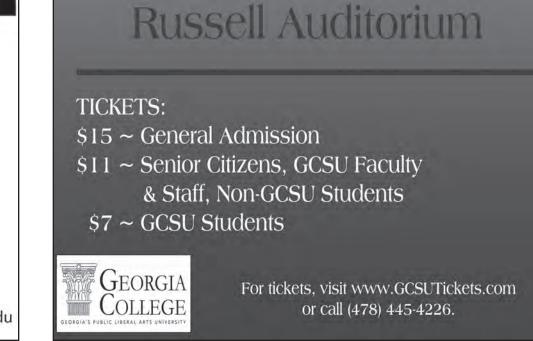
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## SevenAteNine WesAllen PEOPLE WHO AREN'T IN A FRATERNITY OR SORORITY PEOPLE WHO CARE ABOUT THE MR. AND MISS GOSH ELECTIONS

Simply passing the racks of newspapers around campus, it's hard not to notice the revolution that's been going on in Egypt. Even if you are unaware of the logistics of the protests and changes in the government, there is one factor of the Egyptian people's situation that people have been buzzing about—the role of censorship and social media in organizing, perpetuating and communicating (and stopping the communication of) the realities of the revolution.

When the Egyptian people chose to rally against the 30 years of President Hosni Mubarak's reign, Twitter became a vital tool in organizing the protests. Once the government became aware of the use of Twitter and Facebook in the revolution, the social networking sites were shut down, followed shortly by the total closing of the Internet.

While Egypt's Internet is in the news and China is wellknown for it's strict censorship,

## Our **Voice**

Embrace change via social media

how much do we know about censorship in our own country as well as others around the world?

According to a graphic released by Mashable on Feb. 15 titled "Just How Open is Your Internet?" countries in Africa as well as South America are experiencing lesser censorship than America. Ours is one of the countries listed as having "some censorship." Although we are aware of the reality of censorship our Internet in America is under, compared to areas such as Saudi Arabia and Tunisia (which recently experienced an Egyptianlike revolution), we have much freedom in access to our Internet. Especially as students, we have the ability, skills and freedom to truly access the potential of so-

For many of us at Georgia College, we use Facebook as a way of sharing our thoughts, inviting friends to events or even checking out that attractive stranger in our Spanish class. We are rarely using our Twitter accounts to organize mass protests or attempt

It is important to understand the potential we have as Americans in using social media to create change in our university, our city and even country. The Colonnade fully supports the potential of social media and taking advantage of more freedom and less censorship of our Internet. The Egyptians proved that not only the pyramids, but change through social media is possible.

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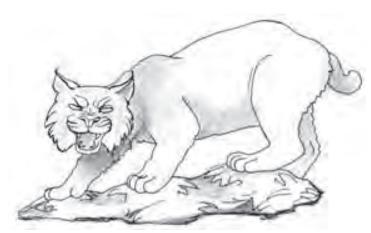
## Satire: Statues are awesome



STEVE HOLBERT

School spirit doesn't come cheap. Green and blue blood doesn't pay the bills-mostly because it doesn't exist, and since the university sucks every available dollar out our wallets, it understands any extra spending money must come from someone richer than current students. That's when the university calls the alumni. Georgia College recently purchased several bobcat statues to place across campus and many of my peers have openly expressed their distain. However, I think these unhappy students do not understand the useful applications of a giant, fiberglass bobcat.

The first and most prominent use for such a statue would be for nostalgia. Every day countless students will take pictures with the colossal cat, and e-mail them home to Mom and Dad as a reminder of their educational progress before going downtown for alcoholic progress. These same students will no doubt come back to take more photos on special occasions such as their graduation, birthday or even wedding. Who knows 50 or 60 years from now their family might even prop their coffin against the beast for a final photo.



In addition to visual appeal, the statues also provide security to the students. Thanks to Disney's "Gargoyles," every child from the 90's knows certain statues have the ability to come alive after sunset. With their large price tags, surely these bobcats possess this mystical quality. Student will no longer need to fear being mugged while walking to their cars after night classes because they'll have an army of supernatural felines to protect them. In fact, the new guards could even stop vandals, rival schools and inappropriate chalkers. The new face of safety is a pair of sharp fangs and beautifully pained claws.

Imagine what they could do if the bobcats were allowed to roam off the campus. They could prowl downtown and help intoxicated students back home. Underage drinkers will no longer fear calling for a ride and stumbling back to their dorms. where they could fall and injure

themselves. Instead, they could ride a giant bobcat, which is far less suspicious. When not assisting students, the statues could help old ladies cross the street, carry groceries to cars, or save crying babies from burning buildings. The felines are more than a symbol of school spirit. They are a symbol of the American spirit.

With stone pets come new possibilities. I'm sure once the bobcats start helping the community by fighting crime or posing for photos or doing both at the same time everyone will agree they're just another addition to our happy Georgia College family. Now the only question is who's going to feed, bathe and clean up after them? Personally, I suggest that responsibility goes to the donors and people in charge of money distribution. After all, if it wasn't for them, we wouldn't have new statues in the first place.

## Sweet updates

Old-school candy gets modern messages



ALEX SMITH

One of my favorite candies to get on Valentine's Day is the Sweetheart. Most people I talk to don't really like them because they have that chalky, Tumslike texture, and a peculiar, almost soapy taste. I actually love their weird flavor and chalky texture! They just taste different than anything I have ever tasted. On the Sweethearts there are short phrases like "Marry me," "Love," or "Kiss me" that add to their cutesy look. Well, the phrases like the examples I gave were standard back when I was in elementary school, but it seems that Sweethearts have

To my surprise, when I picked up one to eat, it said "Tweet me." What?! Then I found one that said "Friend me." How can Sweethearts claim to be "The Official Candy of Love" when they are referring to Twitter, Facebook, or Myspace on their heart-shaped candies? I don't doubt that some relationships begin using social media, but seriously, can we consider Facebook to be romantic enough to put phrases related to it on Valentine's Day

Now, Sweethearts didn't even stop there; after looking through only a couple more pieces of candy it was evident that there are a range of phrases that they

used (at least in my bag of candy) that are wholly unrelated to Valentine's Day. We have "Reach 4 it," "High five," "Race me," "Play time," and "My team." What does that even mean? Like choosing people for a kickball game, or like the Atlanta Falcons are my team? And I'm not against any kind of encouragement, but I generally don't tell people on Valentine's Day to "go 4 it."

Generally I don't even care what the heart-shaped candies say before I eat them, since they are usually illegible from a poorly done printing job, so these new phrases don't really bother me practically. However, they do bother me when I think of them in a social context. Has our image of love and romance been changed so much that Facebook and other social media have become an integral part of is definition? What happened to "Love you," an outright expression for the way someone feels? I think that maybe upcoming generations have become too reliant on the guise that social media lets them hide behind.

Sweethearts haven't abandoned some key phrases like "My love" and "Soulmate" from their candies, and I hope next year I don't see an decreased use of these maybe "old-fashioned" word on my candies. Regardless, I will still probably eat them since they are a taste from my childhood, just like those older phrases are. And call me a romantic, but I think we should keep these meaningful words on our candies, even if that's the only place we can keep them.

## US needs to cut budget



Matt CHAMBERS

The United States Federal Government will bring in \$2.57 trillion in revenue and spend \$3.83 trillion under President Obama's proposed budget, according to The Washington Post. If any person or business tried to spend more than they have it spells one thing. Bankruptcy.

The \$1.27 trillion deficit left in the budget is not healthy. I realize the budget hasn't been balanced for a long time, but politicians need to stop bickering and padding their—or their district's—wallet and buckle down.

The past three years have had a deficit between eight and 10 percent. That's the worst deficit since World War II. That's partly because the government has increased it's spending, but it's also partly due to a refusal of politicians to raise

And I get it; I really do. Taxes will cost you an election because no one likes to pay more money. I think that the politicians in office now need to seriously considering country first right now.

If we keep refusing to raise taxes, there's no magical way to bring in more revenue. And it doesn't have to be taxes on individuals that politicians need to fix. Obama's budget gets only \$297 billion from corporate income taxes and more

\$1.1 trillion from individual income taxes. I'm not economics genius but even I know that's not right. Corporations make way more than individuals definitely need to pay accordingly.

Obviously, raising taxes won't solve the budget problem. There also needs to be a serious, non-partisan look at spending that can be cut. The government spends a lot of money, and it's not always vigilant about keeping the amounts in check. Over 18 percent of the 2010 budget was for non-defense discretionary

If revenue isn't going to increase, each and every penny spent needs to be examined. Earmarks and other political tricks need to stop. The government should be trying to right the spending ship by only spending on the necessities.

This week House Speaker John Boehner promised to work to cut \$100 billion in funding by Sept. 30 as part of the GOP Pledge to America. These cuts are a great start, but more is going to have to be done to make things right. It's also worth noting that Boehner had to be forced by freshman senators to make good on these

Eventually politicians are also going to have to look at the elephants in the room—Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid. Those three programs alone take up over \$1.5 trillion in Obama's proposed budget. Washington is going to have to bite the bullet and find ways to stop those programs from sucking up so much of the budget.

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Will the nade b my valentine?

Who polices the so-called designated smoking areas/smoking ban? Because a lot of people abuse it. Students, Faculty, Staff

I hate how tailgating in December's Bobcat Beat was displayed. Way to ask a bunch of ppl that prob never tailgated here at GC, when it is awesome!!!!! My hope is that students are not discouraged to participate in tailgating because of what the Colonnade writes. I feel that campus ethos can benefit from it.

When every single candidate for Ms and Mr Gcsu seems the same, that's a problem. I'm not just talking about their being no people of color. I mean, there's no defining characteristics about any of them. Sorry to the people running, but they all lost my vote.

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## Bobcat Beat

REPORTED BY HILARY THOMPSON

"What is your favorite part of Homecoming?"



"Mine would definitely have to be the concert, even if I don't like the band, there's just something about a live concert that is just a good experience."

Matt Beal, sophomore history major

"Nothing at all, all I get is chalk all over my shoes."

Richard Kim, senior English major





"I like the fact that we all get to come together and vote for Mr. and Miss GCSU and fight for something we all want, and that past alumni get to come back."

Heidi Bruns, sophomore nursing major

"I guess it's more of the intramural activities."

Matt Smith, senior pre-law major





"I really like the parade and tailgating beforehand."

Kelli Weinschenk, sophomore psychology major

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## <u>**Leatures**</u>

## New tattoo parlor brings edge, color to downtown Milledgeville

Vanessa Whited STAFF WRITER

On Nov. 13, downtown Milledgeville welcomed its newest business, Royal Blood Tattoo and Art Gallery. Owner Charley Riddle has settled into his new shop on South Wilkinson St. by establishing his clientele and watching his business grow.

Riddle relocated from Miami, Fla. and knew that Milledgeville was where he wanted to open his own

grew up in Eatonton and have been traveling the country," he said. "But there's no place like home, so I'm back and ready. Riddle and his girlfriend,

Lindi Arnold, says that fate brought them to their current location.

"We saw downtown and we were like, 'Yeah, this is it." Arnold said.

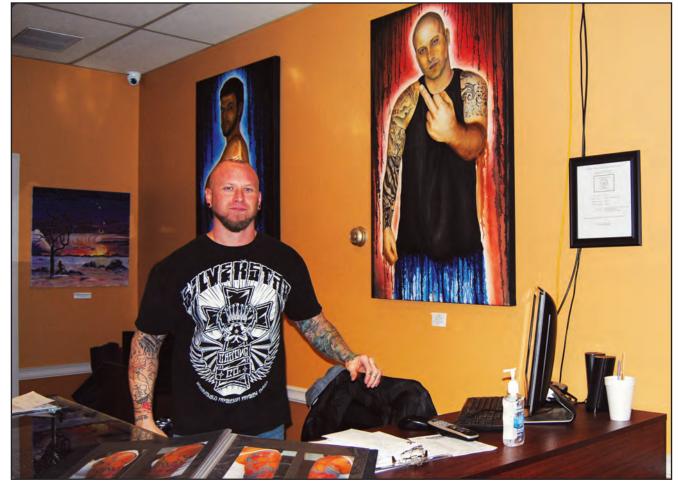
They knew downtown Milledgeville was where they wanted to be and wouldn't settle for anything different.

After viewing property after property, their current space was vacated and the duo instantly snatched it

up.
"It was just perfect,"
Riddle said. "And on top of that, I had read an article in 'Ville magazine about how Mayor Richard Bentley really wants to focus on bringing the arts to downtown Milledgeville, and I just thought, 'It doesn't get any better than that.'

Riddle is a true artist, and art has been his passion since a very young age.

"I got my first tattoo when I was 11 years old," he said. "I showed my mom and all



VANESSA WHITED / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Above: Owner Charley Riddle in his business, Royal Blood Tattoo and Art Gallery located on South Wilkinson St. The space serves as a tattoo parlor as well as an art gallery. Riddle's motivation in starting the shop was to create an environment where art could be displayed as tattoos as well as on the walls. Right: Letters outside the Royal Blood Tattoo and Art Gallery shop.

she could say was 'Ugh, and it begins.'"

Now the owner of his own shop, Riddle channels his creativity and passion for art into the 100 percent original tattoos he gives his

"We're not a street shop," Riddle said. "Meaning that we aren't here to just pump out tattoo after tattoo. Anything produced in the shop is original. It's not like you're

not going go to the beach and see 50 people with the same tattoo.

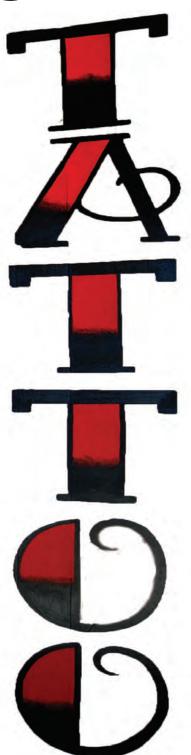
Riddle says that this originality defines his shop, and that first-time clients soon become regulars.

Riddle's talents have not gone unnoticed. He is currently one of 20 finalists for a new series on the Oxygen network entitled "Best Ink." One-thousand, five hundred

tattoo artists auditioned in the Atlanta area alone, and of them, Riddle was the only one picked to move further in the competition. Now he is one of the 20 competitors waiting to hear if they are one of the top 12 finalists who will ultimately compete on the show in Los Angeles,

Riddle's shop is not limited to tattoos. The shop offers

piercings as well as artwork both for sale and for viewing pleasure. Artwork from Riddle, as well as from other local artists, is currently displayed along the walls of the shop. Riddle is in the midst of preparing a full art gallery that he hopes to open within the next two months, when he will also host the official grand opening of Royal



## Cartoons draw new image of O'Connor

HILARY THOMPSON STAFF WRITER

Georgia College's recent publication, "The Cartoons of Flannery O'Connor at Georgia College," has proven that O'Connor was not only a writer, but a cartoonist as well.

The limited-edition book, edited by professor of English and editor of the Flannery O'Connor Review, Bruce Gentry, provides a glimpse of a side of O'Connor, which

most people are not aware. "The cartoons are instructive, there's plenty of criticism of other human beings in the cartoons, but you can also see Flannery working to try to look at school life from the point of view of all of her classmates," Gentry said. "She was trying, I think, to be sympathetic in her slightly eccentric way. She's not just looking at people and finding fault with them, although there is satire, it's like here's another side to somebody you thought you knew.'

O'Connor created the cartoons for The Colonnade through the process of linoleum cutting, where an image is produced on a sheet of linoleum with a knife or gouge. The process can be time-consuming, but it appears O'Connor was able to turn out the cartoons in a prolific manner.

"There was a time when the student newspaper came out every other week, and then there were times when it came out every week, there are dates when the cartoons are a week apart. The cartoons appear to be responding to things happening on campus so I don't think she had a big stockpile of them and just dribbled them

out," Gentry said. Students familiar with linoleum cutting are surprised to find that O'Connor was



An original cartoon by Flannery O'Connor which was scanned and printed by Bruce Gentry.

able to be so prolific using the medium.

"I know enough about the technical aspects of linoleum cutting that I find it impressive to be able to do one once a week and still do it well," junior rhetoric major Sam Cole

Still others are amazed that O'Connor was able to juggle such a responsibility along with her academic duties.

'That's such hard work, I can't imagine doing that along with an academic workload, political science and history major Samantha Clarke said.

O'Connor's prolificacy is another side of the author that strays far from her usual repu-

"You can't revise linoleum blocks, which was completely against her character. There's a shift from first draft is the only draft, to I'm going to became famous as the big re-

viser," Gentry said. Special Collections worked

carefully to scan the cartoons, which were on 70-year-old newsprint, onto a disk. The cartoons were then sent to the printing office of the University of Georgia.

President Dorothy Leland was instrumental in the production of the book and even wrote a foreword to the book as proof that Georgia College still finds O'Connor more than relevant.

"It's a statement of the school's ongoing promotion of Flannery. Schools have collections of writers, but quite often they stockpile it and don't do anything about it, and that's not what you see Georgia College doing with Flannery O'Connor," Gentry said. "I think her alma mater is doing right by her, this is the university announcing publicly that Flannery is very important to us."



SUBMITTED BY JENNIFER CLINTON Venture Out traveled to Crystal River, Fla. for the chance to swim with manatees.

### Students swim with manatees

Danielle Paluga SENIOR REPORTER

Whether it's sea cows or gentle giants, manatees are known by many names and this weekend some students from Georgia College got to know them a bit better.

Venture Out sponsored the trip to Crystal River, Fla. to swim with the manatees. The program goes along with the organization's purpose to help students have new experiences while meeting new people.

Kate Sharp, the activities coordinator for Venture Out, organized this trip even though she did not get to attend.

"This has been such a popular trip in the past so I decided to plan it again for this year,"

Sarah Canatsey, marketing and fundraising assistant for the Outdoor Education Program, led the trip this year.

They left on Feb. 11, and camped in a near by forest called Chassahowitzka state park. "For some of the kids it was the first time

they had ever camped," Canatsay said. Canatsay explained that there are different kinds of camping and the type they did was

called car camping. 'You can take a lot more stuff with you

because you don't have to hike to get to the campsite," Canatsay said. Canatsay swam with these docile beasts of the sea before, but many of the others had never even gone scuba diving. The company

they took the tour through helped Venture Out provide all the gear necessary. "The water was cold, but they had wet suits," Canatsay said. "The manatees were so playful and they would nudge the students."

Students swam in the manatee's natural habitat, which means they had to get up early to catch the sea cows before they went out into the bay where they feed.

Unfortunately the group had to miss out on another near by attraction, swimming with

'There's an fun park close by that has this show where women who can hold their breath for a long time put mermaid tails on and swim around," Canatsay said.

Melissa Johnson, freshman biology major, attended the trip this year and told Canatsay about her experience after they got back.

"This trip was so awesome. The instructors were very knowledgeable and taught me how to camp- set up the tent, cook outsideand were very understanding. Swimming with manatees was an amazing experience and I am glad I could go with Venture Out," Johnson said.

Another student who attended was freshman Physics Tanner Mortensen. He enjoyed his time in Florida.

"The only suggestion I would make is pushing back the trip so it would be warmer," said Mortensen.

Manatees are an endangered species and the Venture Out group respected that by not following them into their "sanctuary area" where humans are not allowed.

Good news for the manatees is that their numbers have been increasing according to a study done by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Comission. In 2009 the Los Angeles Times reported that there were about 3,807 manatees in Florida, which exceeded the number of 500 reported eight years ago.

## potlight: Atkinson Hall History

When Atkinson Hall was built in the late 1800s, it was the tallest structure in Millegeville. It was built to accommodate over 100 students as well as space for teachers' apartments and a space for a large dining hall.

The space was well received and was a favorite dining spot for the "Jessies" of Georgia Normal & Industrial College during the 1940s. Students soon came to find, however, that the kitchen of their favorite dining hall held startling secrets no one would believe.

After the start of the Fall 1944 semester, several students and dining hall staff members fell ill. It was soon discovered that the students and staff members were one of 140 known cases of Salmonella on cam-

The Georgia Department of Public Health was called in to investigate and found that the kitchens of the Atkinson dining hall were



riddled with unwashed utensils, roaches and rat and mice-infested walls. It was also discovered that the toilets on the floor above the dining hall were leaking into the kitchens.

Fortunately nobody died from the outbreak of Salmonella, and the school was soon provided funds from the University System to rebuild the kitchens of Atkinson Hall.

Atkinson Hall became abandoned during the 1950s due to its deteroriating conidtion, and tired of the eyesore,

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there was some discussion during the 1970s of demolishing the old

In 1977, a campaign was launched to help save the historical building. Heeding the pleas of alumni and local residents, the Board of Regents awarded the school 3.5 million dollars to remodel the building while still keeping its historical integrity. The old dining hall was demolished in 1979, and the building was finally, and officially, redidicated in 1982.

By Hilary Thompson

## Leading lady Leah

Leah Keelan stars in 'The 1940's Radio Hour'

Brina Potvin Staff Writer

Sophomore theatre major and dance minor Leah Keelan discovered her passion for acting and dancing at the young age of five. But more recently, Keelan has been selected as the leading lady, Connie Miller, in "The 1940's Radio Hour" planned to showcase in Russell Auditorium Feb. 23 through 27.

Director of the performance and assistant professor of theatre, Amy Pinney, describes Leah's character, 'Connie', as a "17-year-old bobbysoxer." Pinney also said Leah, "taps and swings" and sings two songs during the performance, "Daddy" and "Five O'clock Whistle."

Since rehearsals started in January, Pinney has found it to be "a joy to work with Leah. The energy she brings to the show absolutely sparkles.'

Keelan describes the upcoming play as "a moment in time from a 1940's radio show, like a behind the scenes

"(The show is) something you would hear on the radio back during the 1940's... lots of jazz and a jive feel. There's even a real jazz band that accompanies the whole show and they are incredible," Pinney said. "It's because of the types of music performed that the show gives off a concert

Since her start at a young age, Keelan has been in more plays that she could even keep track of, but her highlights include being in the opening ceremonies to both Atlanta and Svdney Olympics, Broadway for "The Nutcracker," extras in movies and commercials, being the lead in the play last year as a freshman called "Sueño", and also being a dancer in last year's performance of

Aside from her long hours of rehearsals for the upcoming play, she also manages to squeeze room in her busy schedule to be the student representative for the Department of Theatre, for sorority involvement with Alpha Delta Pi, preparations and rehearsals for the April Dance Minor Concert and an additional showing she is involved with, "First Friday", to be held in



Brina Potvin / Staff Photographer From left, Leah Keelan rehearses with castmate Erin Borain for Georgia College's Spring musical "The 1940's Radio Hour."

Macon on March 4.

"I've become really good at time management, and figuring out where my priorities lie," Keelan said. "The downfall to being in so many things is that you have to pick and choose a lot because things tend to overlap. Lots of late nights and eating on the run, but in the end it is so worth it."

"My favorite part about acting is that you get to experience and becoming something outside yourself. It's a chance to stretch limits and be whoever you want to be and do whatever you want to do, within reason."

> Leah Keelan, sophomore theatre major

Keelan has found that her skills and passions for acting, singing and dancing are beneficial towards one another and help her in all aspects of her performances.

"Dancers without expression and acting can become so boring to watch and you don't believe them if they are trying to tell a story," Keelan said.

"Then in acting, dancing helps you find certain movement to fill a space easier, and with a dance background I know safely what my body can and cannot do... also having a dance and acting background under your belt is so helpful in real life auditions because you can get hired for more things."

Over the years, her experience with acting and dancing has also taught her a lot about herself and what she is capable of with dedication and prac-

"My favorite part about

acting is that you get to experience and becoming something outside yourself. It's a chance to stretch limits and be whoever you want to be and do whatever you want to do, within reason," Keelan said.
"Also in acting you learn a lot about yourself, like how your body works and you are aware of every part of your body and how it fits in space, as well as tuning in to all your emotions and how they affected different

Since her start at a young age, Keelan has recognized her love of being in the spotlight and because of this, she has her priorities straight.

circumstances in your life."

"I have always known that I wanted to sing dance and act; I practically was born to perform and be on the stage... this has always been my passion and (I) strive to see it through," Keelan said.

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Steffi Beigh STAFF WRITER

Metropolis Cafe welcomes a new addition to its location in downtown Milledgeville.

A new dining section has been added to the seating area. A stage has also been added. This stage has already entertained customers with belly dancing and live performances while guests dine.

"We are all really excited," said server and Georgia College art student, Taylor

Metropolis was able to add such a large amount of space because business has been doing really well, especially for a restaurant that is solely a food business rather than a restaurant and bar at night.

"We are not trying to be open until late night like till 2 or 3 o'clock because we do not sell any liquor and we are not going to," said Owner of Metropolis Cafe, Deepak Kumar. "We are trying to serve food and low entertainment and that's it."

The new stage will offer customers to enjoy many different types of performances while dining.

"We just do live music but we do more solo performances like a guitar or a little live jazz

during dinner," Kumar said. Kumar and Downs says they look forward to hosting a comedy show, variety show, acoustic guitar performances, belly dancing, live Indian music, and much more.

Kumar says there is no set schedule. However, every

STEFFI BEIGH / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER TJ Brown and Hary Mitchell play on Metropolis's new stage for a Valentine's Day dinner Feb. 14.

Thursday night Metropolis say during Spring and sum-

Cafe offers Indian food with live music, Kumar says he will try to stay open later on Thursday nights. Also, on Saturday night there will be live Indian music along with an arrangement of food specials.

Although renovations took four months to build, the outcome is a gorgeous new wooden space and stage that will hold enjoyable memories for customers to come.

"I'm very excited because I never mind working when the band is there because of the crowd and because it is a chill atmosphere," Downs said. "We'll be working and serving but we will have the live music in the background and its good music to listen to."

To make things even more exciting, Downs and Kumar

mertime, they want to move the crowd and performances to the patio, maybe even adding on a small stage on the deck. Kumar has no intentions of

staying open for late night.
"I think there's enough bars

in Milledgeville and they can do it and there doesn't need to be any more competition and I think they are really good bars and we are not that good as a bar, we don't want to be in competition," Kumar said.

Downs agrees.

"The atmosphere would be completely different if we did (serve liquor and stay open for late night) and the clientele would change drastically and right now we have a good group of people but I think we just want to keep that clientele," he said.



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### PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT



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#### 2 ALCOHOL AMNESIA

February 13 at 4:44 a.m. Milledgeville Police Department requested assistance on a call in reference to a male knocking on a door of an apartment on West Hancock Street, according to Public Safety. Contact was made with a male, who was so intoxicated that he had urinated and vomited all over himself. The male had a very strong odor of an alcoholic beverage coming from his breath and was extremely incoherent. He could not tell the officers where he lived, he had no one around to take care of him and he was entirely too drunk to stay where he was found. He was speaking gibberish and when asked how he got to the apartments, pointed at the officers patrol vehicle. Since he was only 18 years of age, he was arrested and transported to Milledgeville and charged with underage possession of alcohol.

Information based upon a submission to The Colonnade by Public Safety.

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### HIT AND RUN

February 11 at 12:27 p.m. Baldwin County Sheriff's Office put out a BOLO (be on the lookout) in reference to a hit and run at Highway 22 east and Kings Road, according to Public Safety. Sgt. English located the vehicle and detained the driver until a Baldwin County Deputy arrived

### By The Numbers

**Accounts of** unauthorized debit card fraud

(from Feb. 9 - Feb. 14)

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### WHAT'S HAPPENING

#### Friday, February 18

8 p.m.

10 a.m.

**HOMECOMING** Baseball vs. Pfeiffer 3 p.m. (John Kurtz Field at West Campus)

> **HOMECOMING** CAB: Golden Slipper Murder Mystery (Arts & Sciences Auditorium)

#### Saturday, February 19

8:30 a.m. **HOMECOMING** Bobcat Ramble Fun Run

(Wellness Depot)

9 a.m. **HOMECOMING** Bobcat Ramble 5K

(Wellness Depot)

11 a.m. **HOMECOMING** Tent City Tailgating (Centennial Center)

**HOMECOMING** Parade Lineup (Tatnall Street)

**HOMECOMING** Baseball Doubleheader vs. Pfeiffer 1 p.m.

(Kurtz Field at West Campus)

1 p.m. - 4 p.m. HOMECOMING Chili Cook-Off (Centennial Center) **HOMECOMING** Lady Bobcats vs. Columbus State 3 p.m.

(Centennial Center)

HOMECOMING Georgia College vs. Columbus State 5 p.m.

(Centennial Center)

#### Tuesday, February 22

COLLAB for Awareness: Poetry Reading by Van 6 p.m.

Garrett from his book Songs in Blue Negritude (ArtFix Gallery, Wooten-Garner House)

6 p.m. - 9 p.m. To Write Love on Her Arms: Yoga Class

(Centennial Center) Love Letters Meeting

(The GIVE Center Conference Room) 7:30 p.m. Guest Artist Recital: Diospyros Woodwind Quintet

(Max Noah Recital Hall)

#### Wednesday, February 23

11 a.m. - 3 p.m. 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

12:30 p.m.

7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

7 p.m.

8 p.m. 8:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Toss Away Cancer (Front Campus) Times Talk (Beeson Hall Lower Level) Student Government Association Senate 12 Step Support Group meetings

(Arts & Sciences 215)

The 1940s Radio Hour (Russell Auditorium) Survivor Buddies Meeting (SAC Maple A & B)

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## Health and Fitness Close u

## Students, alumni ready to ramble



The race runs through many places in downtown Milledgeville including GMC, Memory Hilll Cemetery and Georgia College campus.



SUMBITTED BY TIM VACULA

Thunder leads runners at the start of last years 5K. The race begins with the one-mile Fun Run at 8 a.m., following with the 5K at 9:30

## Bobcat Ramble: annual 5K, 1 mile run in its 7th year this Saturday

TAYLOR SEAY STAFF WRITER

The 7th Annual Bobcat Ramble 5K and Fun Run will take place on Feb. 19 in conjunction with other Homecoming and Alumni events.

The Bobcat Ramble was established in 2005 to promote healthy living on campus and expand educational opportunities of local area students. The ultimate goal of the Ramble is to establish an awarded scholarship at Georgia College that will support Baldwin County students who wish to attend the university. The university establishes a great level of importance in serving the community.

In 2008, the Bobcat Ramble was designated as a memoriam to John Bruner, who was a Georgia College cross-country athlete who died Aug. 4, 2007, while competing in the Missionary Ridge Road Race in Chattanooga. Each year John's family participates in the Ramble and proudly presents the John Bruner Memorial Award to the top male and female students.

The Bobcat Ramble brings together a great combination of students and alumni along with other members of the community.

This year's course is the same as last year; however, there will be a wider variety of activities taking place at the race. A spirit competition will take place during the race, and awards will go to the ultimate group with the most spirit, the Greek organization with the most spirit, and the local school with the most spirit.

Another change in this year's race is the Tshirts given to participants.

'This year the T-shirts are different, they are technical race shirts, or dry-fit as most people recognize them," said Amy Whatley, assistant director of wellness programs.

Junior pre-engineering major Mary Lynn Buchanan is excited to run in this year's Bobcat Ramble.

"I have never run in the Ramble before so I am a little nervous," Buchanan said. Buchanan has been training with her friends who are also running in the race for the first time. "My friends and I have been running at Greenway to prepare for the race," Buchanan said.

Another first time Bobcat Ramble participant is senior mass communication major Starr Jarrard.

"I'm a first time Rambler, and I am really excited about it," Jarrard said. Jarrard has always wanted to participate in the Bobcat Ramble, but other Homecoming activities have prevented her from running it in the past. "I run all the time, I just have not had the time in the "I am a first time Rambler, and I am really excited about it."

Starr Jarrad, senior mass communication major

past," Jarrard said.

Junior liberal studies major Elizabeth Mee-

han ran in the Ramble two years ago. "It was a great experience, and I had a lot of

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## Eat your Veggies Vegetarian, vegan lifestyles revealed

AUBRIE SOFALA STAFF REPORTER

Vegetarian dietary lifestyles are a growing trend throughout the United States. Approximately 1.3 million Americans are vegetarians according to a study done by the Vegetarian Times. In an era of diet trends, the vegetarianism lifestyle offers more than just health benefits—it redefines a way of living.

There are varying levels of vegetarians, ranging from pescatarian vegetarians, who do not eat animal flesh but still eat fish, to lacto-ovo vegetarians who also don't eat meat but do consume dairy.

David and Arlena Simmons, owners of the downtown store, Vegan Markets on North Wayne Street, have been vegan for six years. Being vegan requires more discipline than the other levels of vegetarianism. The vegan diet excludes animal flesh, eggs, dairy products and all other animalderived ingredients.

"I eat more variety than when I was a flesh eater or even when I was a vegetarian," David Simmons said about his vegan

The Simmons' sell a variety of vegan friendly foods in their store. The most popular selling item is textured vegetable protein which can be used to replace meat in most meals.

David Simmons says vegan is a good diet for health benefits but it's also more convenient. Because vegan food products lack animal fat, they have a longer shelf

Vegetarians also retain a strict diet for ethical purposes.

Freshman art major Kat Nelson has been a vegan since the end of last summer

but had been practicing vegan eating habits longer due to her friends who follow the diet. She enjoys the many health benefits of veganism yet she knows there is a larger issue that propels her to eat vegan.

"I started thinking, like, where what was on my plate was coming from," Nelson said.

Nelson also spoke of, what she thinks, as a growing feeling of disassociation from societies food and



AUBRIE SOFALA / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Raw honey can be found in the Vegan Markets in downtown Milledgeville, along a variety of products including sprouts, and texturized vegetable protein.

the path that food took to get to the plate. Nelson also is aware of the products she uses. She must check products to ensure they are not animal tested by manufactur-

Nelson also benefits from the health advantages of being a vegan. She has recently started the P90X workout routine and has had no trouble keeping up. She has benefited from cutting out processed foods and cooks more for herself to maintain her

"Yeah, I feel sorry for the animals but it's not good for you," Nelson said about the

vegan products and because of the dif-

ficulty of living with someone who isn't

vegan lifestyle but

hasn't stuck with it

due to availability of

"I started thinking, like, where what Brandy Horne, Georgia College stuwas on my plate dent assistant coorwas coming from" dinator for access services, has been a vegetarian for 12 Kat Nelson, years. Horne has attempted to live the

Freshman art major

vegetarian.

"Cooking at home is difficult because if I cook for both of us then I cook a meal for him and I cook a meal for me," Horne said of cooking for her husband. Horne shares Nelson's views on ethical

purposes on why she chose to become a vegetarian. 'I read an article about the mass slaugh-

ter of cats and dogs, how it was an epidemic in the U.S. and I actually stopped eating everything except seafood that day," Horne said on why she became a vegetarian.

Horne said the transition was difficult at first because she was working in her parent's restaurant at the time.

"I still worked elbow deep in bacon and hamburger all the time," Horne said.

Making the initial switch to vegetarianism is intimidating to many who are interested in the lifestyle. However, Nelson and Horne both stated the transition was easy if one is determined to go through with the process. Nelson said having a support group also helps when altering your diet.

However, ultimately the choice to become vegetarian depends on the individ-

"It's like, yes, it's a choice that I'm making," Nelson said "but I don't see another option."

## **Holistic Health**

New group advocates promotes healthy lifestyle

> CAITLIN RENN STAFF WRITER

Tired, stressed-out, and worn-down students now have access to the basic skills of surviving college. The Counseling Center is offering a new group called Holistic Health.

The group is aimed at teaching students the skills to effectively manage their time and energy, the group's goal is to ensure the best, most rewarding college experience as well as to advocate a holistic healthy lifestyle.

The six basic skills discussed at Holistic Health include time management, stress management, sleeping habits, relaxation, tools for coping, and self-care, as well as general health and wellness basics. Each topic is discussed separately and the topics cycle continuously each week throughout the semester, so students can attend whatever discussion would be most beneficial.

The group meets Tuesdays Thursdays at noon in the Bobcat Dining Room of the Dining Hall.

"Holistic Health is a group, but it's not set up in a typical group fashion. We don't sit around and talk about our problems," Counseling Servic-

"Holistic Health is a group, but it's not set up in a typical group fashion."

Andrea Gaston, Counseling Services Counselor

es Counselor Andrea Gaston. "I see this really being something we have to offer, somewhere students can come to try new things."

The topics that students generally struggle most with tend to be stress and time management, sleeping habits, and relaxation, and Gaston offers practical advice for handling these issues.

"For general advice, basically take care of yourself. Are you eating, exercising, and sleeping? Then

address what's left," Gaston said. To deal with stress, for example, Gaston suggests simply taking a break--not a break from one assignment to another, but a break to another activity entirely. Take a walk, take a nap, or visit a friend. Maintaining social connections is an important part of stress management.

Counseling Center Director Mary Jane Phillips

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## Zumba combines dance moves for fitness

Brooks McAlister STAFF WRITER

Zumba is one of the many classes the Centennial Center has to keep Georgia College students fit. It's a form of exercise that is a great way to have fun with friends while sculpting and toning your

Zumba is an aerobic fitness program that originated in the 1990's in Colombia and is inspired by Latin dance. It is enjoyed by men and women of all ages. According to Juliya Dance Academy's website, classes are taught by nearly 20,000 instructors in more than 35 countries throughout the world.

The exercise is an active dance workout that keeps you engaged and having a lot of fun. It is based on interval training, alternating between fast and slow and also includes some resistance training.

It is a great cardio workout and also tones and sculpts your entire body. One of the great things about Zumba is that it is easy to do it with a huge group of

One of the most fun parts about taking one of these classes is the upbeat music. It typically uses a variety of music including salsa, hip-hop, Flamenco, Reggae, Cha-Cha, rap and much more.

The fun music elevates moods and reduces stress. Fast, upbeat music is one of the many qualities that makes Zumba a workout that appeals to many. The pulsating rhythms encourage participants to get up and get moving.

Zumba requires no prior dance or fitness experience, which is another appealing quality about the class. It is designed to be accessible to all skill levels. The choreography is kept simple and it is designed so you can get a work out without



Students enjoying a Zumba class at the Centennial Center. Classes are offered Monday through Thursday every week,

feeling the stress of exercise.

"I love Zumba because you don't even realize you are exercising," said Marissa Hicks, a senior biology major at Georgia College and Zumba instructor at Centennial Center.

Dancing is a way to burn fat and calories. According to Fitness after Fifty's website, Zumba dancing is said to burn around 600 to 1000 calories in just one hour.

"I think that Zumba is so great because I get a great workout while enjoying the dance routines. As a former dancer, it

keeps me in shape and in touch with the dancing I did in high school. I love Zumba and recommend it to anyone who enjoys combining dance and workout," said junior nursing major, Suzanne Intorcia.

Zumba is something anyone can do in a class or in the comfort of home using a Zumba DVD. Zumba classes are offered free of charge for students and faculty at Georgia College's Centennial Center Monday through Thursday every week. The scheduled times are Mondays at 4:30 p.m., Tuesdays at 6 p.m., Wednesdays at 9 a.m. and Thursdays at 6 p.m.

Basic facts about Zumba

- -Basic zumba classes include dance rhythms like merengue, salsa, cumbia and reggaeton.
- -You can burn approximately 600 to 1000 calories, only working out one hour.
- -To improve your execution of basic moves, mentally picture each step in your head.
- -Certain parts of merengue and cumbia focus on toning specific body parts, including legs, hips, and abs.
- -Requires no prior experience in dance.

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#### Ramble

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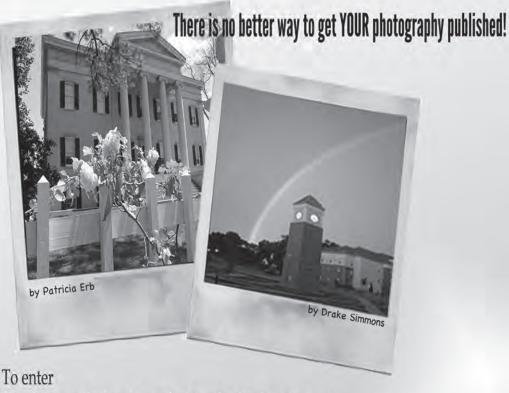
fun participating," Meehan said. "The course was not too difficult and it was fun running with fellow students and members of the community."

The one-mile Fun Run will start at 8 a.m.

on Saturday, and the 5K will kick off at 9:30 a.m. Awards go to the top three runners participating in the Fun Run. Awards also go to the top three male and female runners in the categories of overall Georgia College runner, overall non-Georgia College runner, and the John Bruner Memorial award, which is designated to Georgia College athletes only.

## YOUR CAMPUS. YOUR PICTURES. YOUR CALENDAR.

A campus-wide contest for The Colonnade calendar is starting up. It is time to grab your camera and begin to capture the beauty of our campus. Show us what Georgia College means to you.



Email your photos to nadecalendar@yahoo.com or Send to FLICKR account "Colonnade Calendar". (You must join Flickr for this option.)

Deadline: March 31, 2011

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## Weight Watchers program offered to students, faculty

"I think that as long

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Ashley Samuel,

minor

Junior history major

and criminal justice

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Jessica Ramirez STAFF WRITER

For Georgia College community members looking for a way to lose weight in a more structured way the Weight Watchers Point Plus program is a way to do it.

Assistant Director of Wellness Programs Amy Whatley coordinates the weekly meetings that take place every Monday from noon to 1 p.m. at MSU Banquet Hall.

Weight Watchers was brought to campus

two years ago. There are 28 members, five people from the community, four students, and the rest are faculty and staff. It makes it more convenient for the members to have Weight Watchers at work, according to Whatley.

The program is a way to promote and help students have a healthier lifestyle. It teaches them about proper nutrition and instructions on how to make healthier food choices. Whatley believes this program is definitely a benefit for students. The cost of being a member de-

pends on the program chosen by the person. The 17-week program is \$196 and the 12-week program is \$144.

To be able to see the results of weight loss, the program emphasizes on food quantities taken every day. But this is also combined with daily exercise. It does not have to be going to the gym every day.

"Anything counts, like cleaning the house, yard work for 30 minutes a day, any of those activities that raise their heart rate a little bit counts for your daily activity," Whatley said. Whatley said that research proves that people who attend the meetings are more successful in loosing weight.

By joining the program, not only are the members losing weight but also meeting other people who are trying to achieve the same objective.

"That's really the biggest benefit of Weight Watchers is communicating and connecting with people that are trying to accomplish the same goals that you are," Whatley said.

Junior history major Courtney Fleury joined Weight Watchers this semester. Whatley introduced Fleury to Weight Watchers and expressed to her that they were doing an at work program. It was very convenient for her to have the program on campus. "I just wanted to understand the whole eat-

ing healthy part," Fleury said.

Fleury has definitely seen results, the first week she lost one and a halfs pounds and the second week she lost one pound.

> "It's a very easy program to follow," Fleury said. "Having a trainer and being in the Weight Watchers program is like a whole lifestyle change. You have to be ready to change your activity level and your food intake to see results."

> "I think it's a great program and I think a lot of the students will benefit from it if they have the knowledge of it and that goes along with the things that they offer at the wellness depot that I don't think many of the students know about it," Fleury said. "It doesn't matter the number on the scale, it matters that

your overall health and your inches lost.'

Junior, history major and criminal justice minor Ashley Samuel joined the program three weeks ago, at the same time Fleury did. In the second week of the program Samuel lost almost three pounds. Along with maintaining a healthy diet, Samuel joined the club swimming team and attends a martial arts class to incorporate some exercise to her weekly routine and accomplish her goal.

There are not specific meals assigned in the program. However, the 'Smart Ones' frozen dinners are a brand by Weight Watchers. According to Samuel, the meals are really tasty and are very convenient because they give you the number of points in that meal. With the points it makes it easier to stay on

track," Samuel said. "I think that as long as I stick to the program, track my points and try to exercise I will definitely lose weight."

Eating healthy is not that hard, according to Samuel. "It's all about control," she said.

#### Holistic Health

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recommends exercise as the best way to help manage stress. She says, people are designed to have physical reactions to stress. Such physical reactions, fight-or-flight response, release stress chemicals in the body. But because the kinds of stressors that we face today don't usually require that fight-or-flight response, those stress chemicals can accumulate in the body and cause problems.

"We know, for example, that stress chemicals can interfere with concentration, memory formation, and immune responses, among other things. What exercise does is use up some of those excess chemicals so we aren't as likely to have problems like that," Phillips said.

To use time more effectively, Gaston suggests simply taking an inventory of how much time is spent doing what. Get a planner, start

with the big stuff like classes, meals, exercise,

and sleep, then add the extras where there is

"I know I spend too much time wasting time, so keeping better track of where my day goes could be extremely helpful," said junior art major Katie Graham.

Suggestions for better sleeping habits include setting up a routine before going to bed, going to sleep and waking up at the same times, and establishing a schedule.

For relaxation, Gaston suggests techniques like deep breathing, progressive muscle relaxation or guided meditation.

"I could see how something as simple as a deep breathing exercise could really help me relax on a day like a Monday," said freshman marketing major Chloe Frew.

A truly healthy lifestyle balances all the topics discussed at Holistic Health, and developing good self-care habits now will be most rewarding later in life.

## Leisure

### Crossword

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Danielle Paluga STAFF PSYCHIC

Aquarius (January 21- February 18)- Your ward-

robe needs an update, my crystal ball says so. It also

Aries (March 20- April 19)- Take time to stop and smell the roses today. Oh wait it's too cold for

will be your week, but then again isn't every week

Taurus (April 20- May 20)- Take time to stop and smell the roses today. Oh wait it's

Gemini (May 21- June 20)- This week

says you need to dye your hair like Nicki Minaj.

Pisces (February 19- March 20)- If

your significant other isn't treating you right you shouldn't need this horoscope

to tell you to break up with him or her.

And if you don't have one good for you, I

hear the single life is nice.

too cold for that.

yours darling? You're pretty awesome.

Cancer (June 21- July 21)- It's

time to pay more attention to your

friends this week. If you don't have

any then you can always take me shopping. I'll be your friend for that.

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  - 9 Oil or seed
  - 10 Klutz

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Leo (July 22- August 22)- This is your week to be creative. But please don't shut

yourself in a Lady Gaga like egg; your

Virgo (August 23- September 22)- Make it

your goal this week to take a stand for your home-

town just like Eminem stood up for Detroit in that

teachers won't understand.

Chrysler commercial.

Libra

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French so it must mean something pretty.

21)- No major disasters will come your

way this week, but nothing exciting will

happen either. Well you can't have every-

Sagittarius (November 22- December

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**Astrological Forecast** 

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(September 23- October

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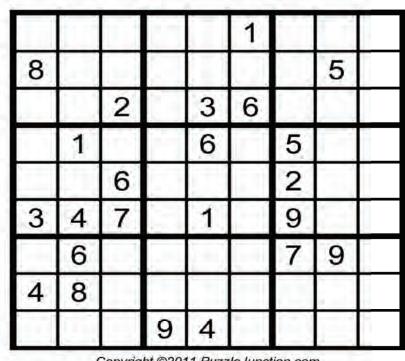
Scorpio (October 23- November 21)- Your words to live by this week are "c'est la vie." It's

Capricorn (December 22- January 20)- It's time

to be charitable and donate some money to some-

one in need. I'm in desperate need of a Hermes

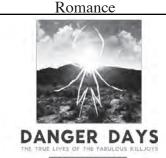
### Sudoku



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### **Leisure Editors Recommend:**

"Danger Days: The True Lives of the Fabulous Killjoys" by My Chemical



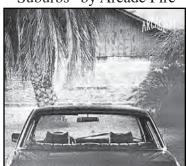
"The People's Key" by Bright Eyes



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#### Aubrie Sofala

"Suburbs" by Arcade Fire



This is an album by

"Brothers" by The Black Keys

The Black Keys. The name of this album is

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#### Lauren Davidson

"Pink Friday" by Nicki Minaj



Danielle Paluga

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"Family Jewels" by Marina and the Diamonds



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## Review

## **Von Ziegesar's latest novel lacks** substance, much loved characters

Danielle Paluga REVIEWER

To many avid young adult novel readers Cecily Von Ziegesar is a goddess of fiction. But with this book she fell flat on her face.

On the outside, the book would appeal to college students especially those that were fans of her Gossip Girl books. When one picks up the book and delves inside the reader finds out it is a totally different beast.

"Cum Laude" is the story of five different college students at a fictional Ivy League in Maine. The small size of the school means that these students get easily bored and get into many scrapes as they party and sometimes study throughout their freshman year.

First of all the main character's name is Shipley. How will that name be relatable to her readers? Also she is not very likable. She was the boring good girl in high school and now she wants to change that. Now that I can see, it happens to many girls in college, but the fact that she is automatically attractive to every male at the college is not a way to be popular when her crazy, ether abusing, artist boyfriend paints a picture of her naked. But her reaction to the painting is minimal at best. As a character she doesn't grow. She cheats on her artist with another boy, the character that I liked the most, but goes right back to her boyfriend with no consequences. This book tries to approach very real is-

with readers. Shipley does get what she wants

sues, parents' divorce and being in the shadow of an older sibling, but ultimately fails because it leaves a lot of questions unanswered. No one learns anything from their mistakes and they use drugs without ever getting caught or punished. The only thing I related to in this book was

you meet at orientation, even if you don't have anything in common. It's a safety thing that happens before you find your real friends. None of the characters find those unfortunately. Overall, this book was a waste of my time so do yourself a favor and don't bother buy-

the fact that you tend to stick with the people

### By The **Numbers**

Illegal Drugs Consumed

Likeable Characters

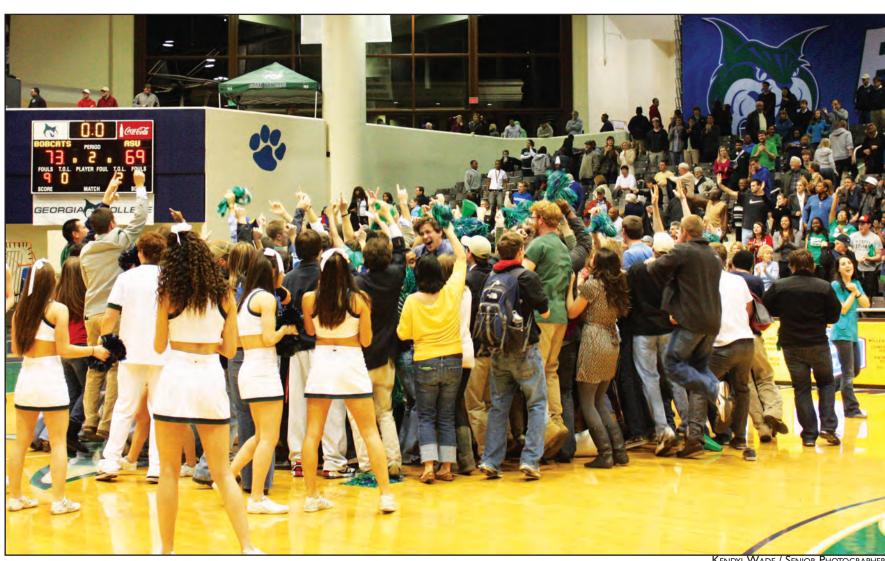
Strange Names

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## Sports

## No. 7 ASU falls as Cats roll



Students swarm the Georgia College men's basketball players at half court after the Bobcats upset the No.7 Augusta State Jaguars, 73-69 on Feb. 10. The Bobcats followed up with a 66-64 win over USC Aiken on Feb. 12 and a thrilling 85-83 win over Georgia Southwestern on Feb. 16. Both of those wins came on the road. Their current winning streak is five games.

### Bobcat win streak at five with victories over No. 7 Augusta, USC Aiken, Ga. SW

SAM HUNT SENIOR REPORTER

The Georgia College men's basketball team now has a five-game winning streak including an 85-83 triple overtime win over Georgia Southwestern on Feb. 16 and a huge 73-69 upset win over Augusta State on Feb. 10.

In the streak, the Bobcats have picked up a couple of spots in the Peach Belt Conference standings. The victory over Augusta State was one of the biggest wins in school history and has provided the Bobcats with a tremendous spark. After the win, plenty of excitement ran through the team.

"Augusta State is a great team. It was a close win, we really needed it," junior forward Jared Holmes said. "Our greatest strength was rebounding. We came together as a team and everybody was talking and communicating and overall we just locked up.'

At the start of the game that scored first but shortly after the Bobcats took their first lead of 6-4 with 17:54 remain-

As soon as the Bobcats took the lead, they fought hard and were able to maintain control of the game for almost the entire half until a three-pointer from the Jaguars gave them a 31-28 edge with 2:21 left in the half.

The Jaguars lead over the Bobcats did not last long because when 20 seconds remained in the half, senior forward Reece Wiedeman made a layup to give Georgia College a 32-31 lead going into halftime.

When the game resumed for the second half, Georgia College until at 15:42, when two backto-back three pointers from the Jaguars gave them their first lead of the half with the score

Once Augusta State had this lead, they began to increase the point gap over Georgia College and when 12:53 remained in the game, a layup gave them their greatest lead of nine points with the score at 51-42.

However, the Bobcats began to decrease the

When just 4:30 remained in the game, Georgia College was finally able to take back the lead when a layup made by junior forward Jared Holmes gave the Bobcats a 62-61 lead.

From there, the lead changed hands several times until at 2:25, when freshman point guard Royal Thomas made two shots from the courtesy stripe to give Georgia College a 66-65 edge.

The leading scorer was Wiedeman, who scored 25 points and was 10 for 15 on floor

"This win is one of the best feelings I've ever experienced in my life," Wiedeman said. "Augusta State had some really good shooters, but we were able to contain them and our point guards stepped up and played great defense on them. We've just got to stay together because now its crunch time.

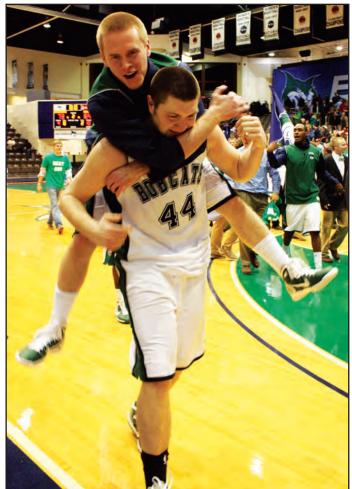
On Feb. 12, Georgia College topped USC Aiken on the road.

The Bobcats took a quick lead early. When 7:45 remained in the half, two free throws made by Holmes gave the Bobcats their first lead above 10 points with the score at 26-15.

As the clock began to run out for the first half, Georgia College did not let up and held their lead over USC Aiken and when halftime arrived, they led 38-30.

When 14:51 remained, a three pointer from

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KENDYL WADE / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER Senior forward Reece Wiedeman gives sophomore guard Ryan Lively a celebratory piggy-back ride after the Bobcats beat Augusta State.

### Following big victory, Thunder Crew, Athletic Department aim to increase spirit

SCOTTY THOMPSON

SENIOR REPORTER

When the final horn sounded in Georgia College's thrilling, 73-69 upset victory over No. 7 Augusta State on Feb. 10, students swarmed the court and met the players at half court, turning the Centennial Center into a celebratory madhouse.

There may not have been anyone in the stands who was happier after the game than Pat Gamble, President of the Thunder Crew and student section. Gamble has been the leading voice in attempts to make the Centennial Center a wild game environment and the student section a reflection of bigger schools like Duke and Michigan State.

(The game) was incredible. We haven't really had a loud student section at all, but we had 300-plus students standing up and cheering that whole game, and we feel like we made a difference," Gamble said. "We created a lot of energy, and I feel like that gave the players an extra spark.

In the couple of weeks leading up to the game, it had been built up be the sports information department as a key rivalry game with the slogan "Beat

The end result was a massive turnout of more than 1,800 people in attendance, by far the largest this season, even though it wasn't a record.

"I've never seen that side closest to the press box that full," said Sports Information Director Al Weston. "I had some reservations about making the game into a huge rivalry because I don't think you can force rivalries. But the extra emphasis put on it really resonated with the student body.

And while Weston expects a bigger crowd for the Homecoming game on Feb. 19, he doesn't necessarily expect

"It's a two-step thing. We have to get the fans to care, and then we have to make sure they are influenced enough to where they keep coming back."

#### Al Weston, Sports Information Director

the same intensity level.

There will probably be more bodies there, but you'll see people texting and a million other things going on,' he said. "I don't think there will be the same level of intent interest. Last Thursday was something else.

Overall, basketball attendance is down so far this season.

Weston and his staff have been actively working to help increase interest and attendance at not just basketball games, but for all sporting events.

Schedules and cards have been made, and they have used Bobcat Vision to advertise games. Still, a lot of work has been put into the Centennial

"We're trying to figure out what works. We did some renovations to the sound system, and that's helped make a sizeable difference and create a more enjoyable atmosphere," Weston said. 'We've had people talk about painting the seats school colors. We are also looking into the cost of extra lighting and spotlights and foggy smoke for player intros."

Getting people to the games is the most important part of the process according to Weston.

"It's a two-step thing. We have to get the fans to care, and then we have to

# Breaking The RULE

CALEB RULE SPORTS COLUMNIST

There's so much love in the air that it's seriously ridiculous.

The weather's fantastic. Valentines Day just passed. Georgia College beat a top-10 ranked opponent in the Centennial Center recently, and both basketball teams are looking up.

For the record: My date on V-day? A hot shower. Quite steamy. I promise that's the only lame joke in this week's column.

While we're all feeling the love, I'd like to point out something unappreciated... for now: The intramural softball fields.

A few days ago, I went out and hit around, dusting the rust off my softball skills in anticipation for the upcoming season. Hey, when you're on a couple of the worst basketball and dodgeball teams at Georgia College, you start to look ahead.

Anyway, as us guys head onto the field, one remarked about the state of the infields and the new look they had. Let me tell you: They look good. They feel great to run

If you remember, two years ago our softball infields looked awful, especially after a slight rain. That's because they didn't drain properly, which left plenty of standing water to pack in the dirt and make it tougher to make conditions playable. Last year, the Student Government Association allotted roughly \$20,000 for brandspanking-new infields; this involved a contractor scraping out all of the old dirt, replacing it, and leveling the field using laser technology. Did you notice a difference if you played last season? Two come to mind for me. First off, I was never scared rounding second base that I might slip and fall on my face.

The second was how smooth the infield played with ground balls. Funny hops became a rarity, and it felt like much more of a professional field.

Oh, and less games had to be rescheduled due to inclement weather, since the infields were much more playable.

I say all of this in gratitude to SGA and the Department of Intramurals for pulling together and providing a massive upgrade to the students.

I also mention this to wonder aloud when the outfields can be dealt with. It's easy to dream of, but considering budget cuts and the difficulty re-sodding the entire outfields on three fields, it won't be easy to replace.

Hey, it takes time for great things to happen; yes, flag football, Ultimate, and softball are all played on those outfields. But instead of focusing on what we don't have, how about we enjoy what we do and appreciate the day when these outfields are upgraded? Stay positive.

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## The Short Stop

#### Upcoming Home Games

#### Women's Basketball:

3 p.m. Columbus St. Men's Basketball:

Feb. 19 5 p.m. Columbus St.

**Baseball:** 

Feb. 18 3 p.m. Feb. 19 1 p.m.

Pfeiffer Pfeiffer

#### Quote of the Week

"I'm going to have to be realistic. It's a very unfortunate situation I put myself in. Obviously, I regret [it] a thousand percent. But I've got to move on. I've got to learn from those mistakes. It make me grow up more as a human being'

-Met's closer Fransisco Rodriguez about punching his girlfriend's father last August, which resulted in his temporary disqualification last season. (ESPN)

#### **Notable Stat**

Number of strikeouts Mets closer Rodriguez had in 2010. After he struck his girlfriend's father, he forfeited \$3.1 million in salary for missing the last month and a half of the 2010 season.

## Baseball takes three of four from West Georgia

Sabrina Chandler STAFF WRITER

In a nerve wracking double header on Feb. 13, the Georgia College baseball team overtook the West Georgia Wolves. The Bobcats surpassed the Wolves 2-1 in nine innings in game one and 6-5 in seven innings in game two.

Sophomore lefty Mike Guinane pitched a gem in game one, allowing only one unearned run on eight hits, two walks and three strikeouts, just one out shy of a complete game.

"It felt good. I've got to give a lot of credit to my catcher, Richard Pirkle. He's given me a lot of confidence out there. Also, my center fielder, Patrick Daugherty; he really stepped it up in defense," Guinane said. "Luke (McKay) and Tanner (Funk) also made a lot of plays this

In the first inning, junior Patrick Daugherty singled to get on base. After a wild pitch and advancing to second, Daughtery stole third to get into scoring position. Junior Josh Young then walked. After the catcher threw the ball away, Daugherty scored and Young advanced

Senior Richard Pirkle then drove in Daugherty with a sac fly. The inning soon ended, leaving it the only one in which the Bobcats

After 8 2/3 innings, senior Tanner Moore came in to get the save, giving the Bobcats the

Game two was no less angst-ridden than the

first. A busy first six innings for the Wolves, including a three run homer, the Bobcats were down 5-3 in the bottom of the sixth. Not readily defeated, the Bobcats rallied back. With one out, Tanner Funk lined to left for a double. After a ground out, Benton Yaun was at the plate, and with his base hit to left center, Funk scored, making the score 5-4.

In the bottom of the seventh, Daugherty got a base hit. After stealing second, Jim Moreland got a walk, and Young laid down a beautiful bunt. The catcher made an over throw and Daugherty scored the tying run. With runners now on second and third, Moreland made a dash into home after a wild pitch, scoring the winning run for the Bobcats. After this tight doubleheader, the Bobcats are still hoping to improve to an even better game of play.

"You're always happy when you win in any sport. But we're really not playing to the standard of Georgia College baseball," Head Coach Tom Carty said.

In earlier action over the the weekend, the Bobcats and Wolves met at West Georgia on Feb. 11, splitting a doubleheader. Georgia College came out on top 8-2 in game one behind senior right hander Eric Pettepher's strong sixinning performance, in which he scattered eight hits around and striking out four. The Bobcats had a huge, five-run second inning thanks to a three-run homer by Daugherty and a two-run blast by Funk.

The Bobcats weren't as fortunate in the second game, as they fell 10-4. They managed



February 18, 2011

Junior outfielder Pat Daugherty steals second base in game 2 of the Bobcats doubleheader against West Georgia on Feb. I 3. Georgia College rallied to win the game 6-5 to complete the sweep.

only four hits, three doubles and a solo homer

The Bobcats will be back at it again at home on Feb. 18 versus Pfeiffer at 3:00 p.m.

## Women's hoops maintains standing in conference

### Bobcats top Augusta State, Ga. SW; can't hold onto late lead in 46-43 loss to USC Aiken

SCOTTY THOMPSON SENIOR REPORTER

The Georgia College women's basketball team continues to hold its ground in the Peach Belt Conference West Division.

The Bobcats (16-6, 8-6 PBC) picked up a critical conference victory on the road over Georgia Southwestern on Feb. 16, overcoming a poor start and rallying for a 67-59 win.

Senior guards Dominique Huffin and Chimere Jordan carried the Bobcats, as they have all season, with Huffin pouring in 20 points and Jor-

dan adding 16 points, continuing her streak of scoring in double figures in every game this season.

Junior forward Tammeisha Law chipped in with nine points, while senior guard Jessica Baker came off the bench to give Georgia College nine critical points.

The Hurricanes jumped on the Bobcats early, going ahead 10-0 before Jordan's jumper put the Bobcats on the board with 15:05 remaining in

Georgia College steadily picked at Georgia Southwestern's lead, cutting it down to 29-27 at the half.

The Bobcats immediately jumped out in front, as Huffin hit a threepointer just five seconds into the second half, eventually increasing their lead to 34-31.

Southwestern responded with a 9-0 run to go back ahead 40-34 with 14:29 left.

Down 42-36, the Bobcats got six unanswered points of their own after baskets by freshman forward Abby Slocumb, Huffin and Baker to tie the game at 42-42.

A minute later, Baker's threepointer put the Bobcats ahead 45-43. After briefly falling behind, the Bobcats tied the game at 51-51 after a jumper by Law with 8:27 remaining.

After both teams exchanged pairs of baskets, a free throw by freshman forward Krysta Lewis gave the Bobcats the lead for good with 4:36 left. Georgia College continued its

8-0 run, stretching the lead to 61-55 with 1:54 to play. All was smooth sailing from there, as the Bobcats sealed the win. Georgia College had 37 rebounds, topping 34 rebounds by Southwestern.

On Feb. 10, the Bobcats picked up a blowout victory over Augusta State, 71-39 on senior night.

Senior guard Chimere Jordan led the way with 29 points and 10 rebounds in just 27 minutes of play. Senior guard Dominique Huffin added 14 points and nine rebounds of her own in the win. Freshman forward Krysta Lewis added nine points.

The Bobcats led by double digits for the majority of the night. Everything went their way, even as the halftime buzzer sounded as Jordan launched a three-pointer from half court to give them a 39-19 lead at the

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## Bobcat tennis teams sweep through weekend matches

Bobbi Otis STAFF REPORTER

The Georgia College tennis teams racked up three victories apiece to add to their undefeated seasons on the road last weekend.

The teams traveled to North and South Carolina to face off against tough opponents as they played their first match against a Peach Belt Conference contender.

The No. 12 men's team walked away with a decisive 6-3 victory over No. 25 USC Aiken on Friday, which according to Head Coach Steve Barsby, was the most difficult match of the weekend for the

"The guys were fired up for Aiken," Barsby said. "Then they just went through the motions for the rest of the week-

Though Barsby was unim-



Wadstein



**Barksdale** 

pressed with the energy the men's team put into the rest of their matches last weekend,

they were spirited enough to

come out on top.

The match on Feb. 12 against Mars Hill College brought an 8-1 victory for the Bobcats The weekend thon of matches ended at Wingate University with a much closer margin of victory. The Bobcats narrowly defeated the Bulldogs 5-4.

Sophomore Johan Wadstein and junior Jerome Leborgne proved themselves to be a formidable doubles team on the road this weekend. Their only loss of the weekend came from USC Aiken who beat the pair

"We didn't play solid at all," Wadstein said. "We missed a lot of serves and we missed a lot of returns. We didn't play our game and we gave them a lot of balls.

Against Wingate and Mars

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## Golf takes second at Matlock

SAM HUNT SENIOR REPORTER

The No. 15 Georgia College golf team was on the road Feb. 14 to 15 in Lakeland Fla. to play in their first match of the new year at the Matlock Invitational hosted by Florida South-

The Bobcats finished second place in the overall tournament, coming in behind the tournament winner No. 9 University of West Florida by just four strokes.

Georgia College defeated the host of the Matlock Collegiate, No. 20 Florida Southern, by

"We beat some good teams. Having held the lead after the first two rounds it was sort of disappointing not to finish it off, but second in that field of 15 teams is pretty good," Head Coach Jimmy Wilson said. "For 50 of the 54 holes we probably played as good as we could play. I'm

happy for the guys." The Matlock Invitational consisted of three rounds: two on Monday and one on Tuesday, and was held at the Lone Palm golf course, a 7,065

yard, par-72 course. Of the 15 schools that competed, Georgia College finished with an overall team score of



Shida

862, which was good enough to earn them second place behind West Florida, who finished with an overall score

The Bobcats finished the first round with a team score of 285; they finished Monday's second round with a 285 and for Tuesday's round they finished with a team score of 292.

Out of the five Georgia College players that competed, two finished in the top-10.

Claiming the individual first place title was Bobcat senior Billy Shida, who shot a 67 for Monday's first round, a 69 for Monday's second round and a 69 for Tuesday's

Shida finished with an overall score of 205, an 11-under par score, finishing five strokes ahead of the second place finisher.

Shida also made history in the tournament because he achieved an accomplishment that no golfer has in 16 years. In the tournament, Shida posted three sub-70

round scores, which no golfer has done since "It's pretty awesome stuff. When Billy came here four years ago we knew he was a good

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## Softball splits doubleheader after rough weekend

SCOTTY THOMPSON SENIOR REPORTER

The first week of the 2011 season has been unkind to the Georgia College softball team. The Bobcats (2-8) did pick up another win on Feb. 15, splitting a doubleheader with Young Harris after dropping five out of six games over the previous weekend including five in a row.

In the opener against Young Harris, the Bobcats rallied three separate times to outlast the Mountain Lions, 8-7 in a 10-inning affair. Junior Sabrina Chandler delivered a gutsy performance on the mound, as she went the distance for a complete game victory. Chandler allowed four earned runs, seven in total, and had five strikeouts. She has been the winner in both Georgia College victories this season.

After falling behind 1-0 in the top of the first, the Bobcats responded in their half of the inning with a run of their own. Freshman centerfielder Whitney Okvist reached on an error and stole second. She later came in to score when junior designated hitter Haley Burnett reached on an error.

The Mountain Lions regained the lead in the top of the second, 2-1, but the Bobcats tied things back up in their half of the third. Junior first baseman Anna Parker ripped a double down the left field line.

After a pair of fielder's choices, freshman third baseman Lindsey Conway's single

to right scored Burnett, knotting the score up at 2-2.

The next five innings brought multiple scoring opportunities for both teams, but neither was able to cash in, as the game entered extra innings. The Mountain Lions finally broke through with four runs in the top of the ninth, but the Bobcats roared back in their half. Junior Corby Holmes, who made the last out in the previous inning, was placed on second base to start the inning due to the international tiebreaker rule for all NCAA non-conference games.

A bunt single by Okvist scored Holmes after she had advanced to third. After senior rightfielder Kati Pickowitz singled, and Parker fouled out, Burnett doubled to left center, plating Okvist and Pickowitz and cutting the Young Harris lead down to 6-5. Later in the inning, another single by Conway scored senior pinch runner Bailey Thompson to tie the score once again.

Young Harris regained the lead one more time in the 10th with a run, but Georgia College got the final say. With freshman leftfielder Alex Duvall already on second, junior second baseman Caitlin Duvall had a bunt single, moving her sister over to third. Holmes followed with a single, scoring Alex Duvall and placing runners at the corners. After a fielder's choice and a single by Pickowitz, Parker walked, and Burnett's single to right scored Holmes with the winning run. Head Coach Jamie Grodecki was pleased with the victory.

"It helped our confidence a good bit," Grodecki said. "We were able to get some big hits, and our girls got a lot of good swings at the plate in that

Georgia College jumped ahead 2-0 in the bottom of the first with the help of a couple of errors by the Mountain Lions. But Young Harris eventually tied the game in the third and added a run in the fifth and three more in the sixth to take control. The Bobcats scored once more in the seventh, when Conway tripled and scored on Caitlin Duvall's RBI groundout.

Last weekend, the Bobcats played three doubleheaders, dropping five out of six games. On Feb.11, they split a twin bill with Queens (N.C.), winning 8-0 in the first game and falling 7-5 in the second game. Chandler was sharp in game one, allowing just two hits in the shortened five-inning contest. The Bobcats got all eight of their runs in the first two frames, highlighted by a pair of homeruns from Burnett. Junior third baseman Maggie Davis also had a pair of hits in

On Feb. 12, the Bobcats dropped a pair to Catawba, 9-1 and 6-3, On Feb. 14, the Bob-

The Bobcats jumped out to an early lead over the Mountain Lions in the second game, but weren't able to hang on as they fell 6-3.

cats traveled to West Georgia

Junior first baseman Anna Parker throws out a Young Harris runner on a sacrifice bunt with junior second baseman Caitlin Duvall covering and junior pitcher Sabrina Chandler looking on. The Bobcats won the first game of the doubleheader 8-7 in 10 innings before losing the second game 6-3.

for a doubleheader but came up short, losing the first game 9-6 despite homers from Parker and Davis, and 7-2 in the second game

The Bobcats are back in action this weekend in the Charger Chillout in Hunstville, Ala., starting Feb. 18 at 10:30 a.m. While the team is off to a slow start, Grodecki said there is room for improvement and optimism.

"One of the things we're in

the process of doing is creating

a student advisory committee.

The main concept behind that

is to have a sense of what's out there," Staton said. "I think that

will be very beneficial. We have

a game this Saturday, so hope-

fully we can build on last week

with a strong showing this

"We've been tinkering with

the lineup a little bit, trying to see what works, and our pitchers are trying to get settled in a little bit," Grodecki said. "If we can start hitting the ball and pitching well on a consistent basis, we will come around."

## Facing obstacles, club soccer falls to Kennesaw

TAYLOR LAMB STAFF REPORTER

The Georgia College men's club soccer team suffered its first loss to the Spring season Feb. 11, as the men traveled to Kennesaw State University for a 2-1 battle.

The last time they played on Kennesaw's turf field, the men recorded a 3-0 win for the team's first meeting.

Saturday held a bad outcome for the Bobcats, preceded with a bad start.

The word rival may be inappropriate in this time, being that this was only the second meeting for both teams, though the grit and determination from both opponents said

The Bobcats student coach Elliott Payne was absent with conflicts, as was most of Georgia College's team.

Last week the men played with no substitutes against Macon State College, and they

showed up to Kennesaw with only one. With no coach and once again outnumbered 12 to 25, the Bobcats arrived minutes

before kickoff after battling Atlanta traffic. Sophomore forward Nathan Pulliam, who put up a hat trick last weekend, showed

up to the cold 6 p.m. start ready for more. "We had a lot of things going against us," Pulliam said. "Our coach wasn't there along with basically our entire mid-field and we

were late because of intense traffic.' The Bobcats took control of the first few minutes possessing the ball and distributing

it on all sides of the field. The underdog mentality gave the men the advantage when center mid-fielder Mitchell Doud gave an assist to a wide open Pulliam, who one-touched Georgia College's first goal of the night in the left side net.

The initial strike by the Bobcats led to a dirty game played by Kennesaw. Resulting in blatantly malicious slide tackles and a Kennesaw State player's vocal assault due to some consistent Georgia College steals.

The play in the regular field was going the Bobcats way, but they lost this one off set plays.

"We had a lot of things going against us. Our coach wasn't there along with basically our entire midfield."

#### Nathan Pulliam, Sophomore forward

Sophomore goalie Nick Creighton blocked a nicely placed corner kick with an ell effort dive.

However the ball reflected off Creighton's gloves right to an unmarked Kenne saw player, who tied the game at one. After another Georgia College out of bounds ball, Kennesaw State set up for another corner

'We got killed on set plays," junior defender William Strawbridge said.

Conscious of the last corner kick resulting in a goal, lead defender Strawbridge marked up close to his opponent and had orchestrated a solid man defense in the box.

But with minutes left in the first half, a sprinting Kennesaw State player, coming all the way from mid field, timed the corner perfectly, blasting a header past a diving

"There are so many things in sports that are simple," Strawbridge said. "But if you don't do them, like marking up on a man in the box, you'll lose,' A brutal second half saw zero goals for

both teams and only strengthened the "ri-Kennesaw's 2-1 advantage in the first would be the final scoring action of the

night. Postgame, Kennesaw exclaimed their interest in coming to Milledgeville later this semester for a break even game three. The soccer team travels to Georgia Tech early

March to take on the Jackets club team.

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make sure they are influenced enough to where they keep coming back," he said. "It's not always an easy thing to do."

Athletic Director Wendell Staton is also stepping up efforts to help improve school

Gamble is aiming to keep student attendance high for the lege and beyond. "We want to make sure the

rest of his stay at Georgia Col-

games stay packed out and make the Centennial Center a hard place to play," Gamble said. "Our goal is to have the loudest and most fearsome student section in all of Division II. We want to keep promoting the games, giving away free stuff and getting the word and support out there.'

#### Men's Hoops Continued from page 13...

the Pacers gave them their first lead of the half at 43-42.

USC Aiken maintained their lead over the Bobcats until two back-to-back three pointers Hamilton gave the Bobcats a 53-47 lead with 10:24 remain-

Against Southwestern, the Bobcats jumped out to a 32-30 halftime lead.

At the start of the second half, both teams continued to fight.

As the clock began to run out, both teams tried increase the point gap in their favor. But when the final buzzer

rang, the Bobcats and the Hurricanes were tied at 63-63, and the game was sent into over-

In first period of overtime, the lead went back and forth. Neither team was unable to break the tie, sending the game to a second overtime.

After another five minutes, the game remained tied.

In the third period of overtime, the Bobcats were determined to not break their winning streak and managed to outscore the Hurricanes to claim an 85-83 victory.

Senior forward Josh Hurst

gia College, tacking 21 points on the scoreboard. Seconding Hurst's efforts

was junior forward Ryan Aquino, who had 16 points.

The Bobcats are back in action on Feb. 19 where they will face Columbus State on Homecoming Day at 5 p.m.

"I don't think the team has reached its peak yet. I think we're close, I think our performance is close to our potential.

was the leading scorer for Geor-

That's what you always want, you want your performance to reach your potential," Assistant Coach Mark Gainous said. "The key has been the team play, the team work and the good high character kids in our program."

#### Women's Hoops Continued from page 14...

Ten different players scored for Georgia College, and their defense was solid as well, holding the Jaguars to just 23 percent shooting from the floor.

Head Coach Maurice Smith was proud of the team for the win, especially the seniors.

"They've put a lot of work into this program, and they deserve everything they get. It was a big win for them," he said.

"We did a good job of executing on both ends of the ball.'

On Feb. 12, the Bobcats weren't able to hang on to a late lead and fell to USC Aiken in a pivotal PBC matchup.

Up 41-34 with 5:42 left, Georgia College watched as No. 14 Aiken rallied to win 46-43 in a defensive battle.

Huffin and Jordan had 18 points each, but the rest of the offense wasn't able to deliver the same spark and balance it had against Augusta State.

And while the Bobcats have been successful at the free throw line and in the turnover

category this season, they shot just 58 percent from the line as opposed to Aiken's 74 percent, and they had 21 giveaways and only 13 takeaways.

With only one game left at home this season, Smith said the road games will be tough.

'They're all huge games. It's an uphill battle," he said. "We have to take care of business, and we have to look at it as an opportunity to put us in a good position going into the conference tournament.'

The Bobcats return to action Feb. 19 at 3 p.m. against Columbus State.

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player," Wilson said. "This week he busted through and played like I always knew he could play." Finishing second for

Georgia College was senior Joe Young. Young posted a 73 for Monday's first round a 69

for the second round. He came out strong on Tuesday and finished the third round with a score of 71, giving him a total score of 213 and giving him his seventh place individual

Narrowly missing a spot for the top-30 in the overall tournament was Bobcat sophomore Patrick Garrett,

who finished with an overall score of 221.

Garrett shot a 73 on the first round, a 73 on the second round, and a 75 in the final round, which placed him at 31st place in the overall tournament.

Finishing fourth for the Bobcats and 40th overall in the tournament was senior Matthew Yonz.

Shooting a 72 in the opening round, a 74 in Monday's second round, and a 78 in Tuesday's round gave Yonz and overall score of 224, just three strokes behind his fellow Bobcat Garrett.

Bringing up the rear for Georgia College was sophomore Taylor Smith.

Finishing the first round with an 80, Monday's second round with a 75 and Tuesday's round with a 77

earned Smith 66th place in the overall tournament.

The Bobcats are on the road Feb. 28 to Pensacola, Fla., where they will compete in the Argonaut Invitational, hosted by West Florida.

"We'll just continue to practice and try to get better. With homecoming weekend this weekend it's going to be hard to get a whole lot done with them but they deserve a week off because they've been going ever since school started back. We've been practicing or playing every weekend," Wilson said. "I think giving them the weekend off will be a good thing for them because it will give them time to rest and kick back and then we'll get back at it Monday getting ready

for the Argonaut."

#### **Tennis** Continued from page 14...

Hill, the pair earned an 8-2 win for the Bobcats. Women's tennis started Fri-

day with a triumph over USC Aiken 6-3. Saturday the team rallied together to pummel UNC Pembroke 8-1.

Sunday the ladies also finished the weekend series with Wingate and won with a comfortable final score of 6-3 though this was the game that was most difficult according to Barsby. Sophomore Kayla Barksdale

was named the key player for the weekend by Barsby.

The only time Barsby was concerned about a loss for Barksdale was against Wing-

"Her Sunday singles game was rough but she battled back to win," Barsby said.

Barksdale went 6-0 for the weekend. think we played really

well. We have a pretty new team, but they all played very well and we got good results,' Barksdale said.

Barksdale may have performed well individually, but overall Barsby was not pleased with the individual efforts of the rest of the team and cited it as the biggest issue of the weekend on the women's side.

"I thought the girls worked well as a team, but we never put it together individually,' Barsby said.

Coming up this week on the

teams schedule are SCAD on Feb. 18 and Armstrong Atlantic on Feb. 20.

Barsby is confident that the

Bobcats will beat SCAD, but Armstrong Atlantic is up in the "Armstrong is expected to

be the toughest match of the season. We are going to give them a run for their money and see what happens," Barsby said. Wadstein is looking forward

to the match. 'It's going to be tough. But

I think it is going to be fun for all the new guys to get to play against really tough competition. Everyone is going to be pumped up, and the atmosphere is great when we play against them. Everyone is fired up," Wadstein said.

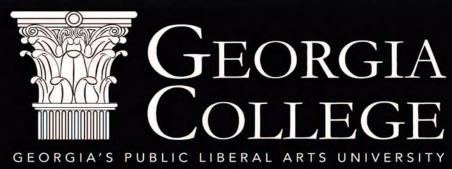
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